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Town Meeting for the Town of Buffalo September 13, 2005

Chairman called the meeting to order at 7 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Gene Mucciolo, Jean Rataczak, Jan Banicki, Donna Seddon

Others: Dorothy Schwochert, Wesley Buss, Margarete Worthington, Sarah Blaser, Charlie Church, Donna Anderson, James Slepicka Sr., Ron Kurl

Late: Fred Wollenburg

Agenda:

Agenda was reviewed. Jan Banicki motioned to approve the agenda. Seconded by Gene Mucciolo. Approved by 2-0.

Minutes:

Minutes were read. Jan Banicki motioned to accept the minutes. Seconded by Gene Mucciolo. Approved by 2-0.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer's report was given by Jean Rataczak. Jan Banicki motioned to accept the report. Seconded by Gene Mucciolo. Approved by 2-0.

Ordinances Effective September 15, 2005

- a. Citation Ordinance – Discussion called for. No response.
- b. Fee Ordinance – Discussion called for. No response.

Proposed New Town Ordinances

- a. Administrative Procedures. Chairman is drafting this ordinance.
- b. Burning (DNR Proposed). Margarete Worthington, member of the Town Panning Commission, is investigating this ordinance and will report back to the Town Board.

Parcel Mapping Project Update

Contract is signed and delivery date is 2/2006.

Recycling Center Project Update

Orla Kuhns has completed the new building and ramps. The electrical wiring has to be done. The new recycle building like the old one does not have interior walls. In the old building, the walls were insulation and the bugs burrowed into it. Discussion followed. Jan Banicki made a motion that we purchase inexpensive paneling for the interior walls of the recycle building with the price not to exceed \$200.00. Gene Mucciolo seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Roofing Project Update

The contractor will be able to start the new roof the 1st or 2nd week of October. Since the outside light over the door fell down in the last wind storm, there was discussion as to how old the electrical is in the building. Gene Mucciolo will contact Chris Campion for his suggestions as he was the last one who worked on the electrical wiring.

Payroll-Expense Time Sheets

Discussion followed on the time sheets that were tried out for third quarter. The Land Use Advisory Committee members were told about the forms. Members will be e-mailed the new forms for their report for third quarter.

Revenue

- a. Web site ads—Cost \$50 per ad with attachment option to website. Charlie Church will take out an ad.
- b. Recycled aluminum cans—Collected \$22.40. Discussion followed concerning complaints that Dorothy Schwochert is removing the tabs for her grandson's school project. It is decided that Dorothy can not remove the tabs. If residents remove the tabs and give them to Dorothy, they must give the tabs to her when she is not on duty at the Recycle Center.
- c. Cell Phones—Depending on the number of cell phones collected, we will get a visa bankcard with the money rebate.

2006 Budget Discussion

Copies of the draft Budget were handed to the Board. This is not at the point that it can be reviewed by the public since not all the expenditures and revenue from the State are reported to the Town yet. The Budget will be finalized in November.

- a. Special Charge – Fire Sign Replacement. We are charged to replace 610 fire signs with the new flag fire signs that will enable the emergency personnel to see the signs from both sides of the road. It will cost the Town \$50.00 per sign for replacement and installation. Residents will be billed on an individual basis. If the bill is not paid for, it will be deemed delinquent and will become a special assessment against the property.

Building Permits – Update & Procedure Discussion

The Town Clerk presented the Board with a spreadsheet of the permits issued by the County and the building permits issued by the Town. We have some residents, who did not understand that they needed to apply for a building permit from the Town. The County inspectors are suppose to request proof of a Town building permit before issuing County permits. This may not be happening. The Town Clerk will contact the County Zoning Department to request that “all requests for County permits be preceded by proof of a Buffalo Town Building Permit.” The Town Clerk will create a sample letter that will be used to contact residents not having a Town Building Permit requesting the fee. Once the letter is approved, it will be sent to all permit applicants, who still require a building permit.

Land Division Ordinance Discussion

Sarah Blaser would like to purchase one lot and part of a second lot of the Hammond property division. They are applying for a redivision of one lot so that they can purchase some of the field near the barn. This land was divided before the Land Division Ordinance was enacted and was therefore grandfathered in. Discussion followed. The Hammond's are requested to petition the Land Use Advisory Committee as soon as possible to meet their requested closing date. The Hammonds are currently out of town.

Correspondence:

1. Marquette County Treasurer—Violet Jensen is applying for a timber permit.
2. DNR—A grant is available for dealing with Gypsy Moth Infestation.
3. Cathy Young & Doris Smith Letter—Request for re-imbursement for long distance calls they made organizing the volunteers for the Emergency Response canvass. At the time of organization, Chuck Fehls was told that no money was to be spent by the Township of Buffalo as this was to be done on a volunteer basis.

Citizens and Board Concerns:

1. Room Tax Update—We have not received room tax revenue from Wilderness Campgrounds and B&B Breakfast. The Town Clerk will contact them.
2. James Slepicka Sr.—He is requesting that two Town Board members view the site of the new fence between his property and his neighbors, Steven and Lee Andra Krueger. James Slepicka states that he plans to install a fence so that his field is no longer trespassed on by the Kruegers. The Board will consult with Charlie Church, Town Lawyer.

Vouchers: Checks were presented and a motion was made by Jan Banicki to pay said bills. Seconded by Gene Mucciolo. Two votes yes and one vote no, motion carried.

Set Meeting Dates: Next Town Meeting will be October 10, 2005 at 7 p.m.

Business Concluded. Motion to adjourn by Fred Wollenburg. Seconded by Jan Banicki. Motion carried.

Submitted by Donna Seddon, Town Clerk